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**To the Chairman and Members of the Education Committee
of the Corporation of Blackpool.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting herewith, for your perusal, my nineteenth annual report on the work of the School Medical Service for the year 1958.

Routine medical inspections have continued smoothly throughout the year. The number of examinations remains about the same as last year, both in the case of routine inspections and re-inspections, but many more re-tests were made for visual defects. The general condition of the children still maintains its high level, less than 1% being found unsatisfactory.

As in previous years, among defects found, orthopaedic ones have been high on the list, particularly postural defects and flat feet. The appointment of a full-time Physiotherapist has been a great help in these cases, and much of her time is occupied in carrying out remedial exercises for these defects.

The standard of cleanliness remains very satisfactory, but to maintain it requires constant vigilance and supervision by the School Nurses.

I would commend to your notice the work being done in the Speech Clinic. We were fortunate in being able to appoint two Speech Therapists during the year, and they are already having good results.

The Open Air School continues its useful function, but the accommodation is inadequate to take more than the most severely handicapped.

I again take the opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Chief Education Officer, his administrative staff, and the teachers in the Schools for their unfailing help and ready co-operation at all times.

Finally, as I retire at the end of the year, and this will be my last report, I desire to thank all who have given me so much help and loyalty over the years. My thanks are due to the School Medical Officer; the Hospital Consultants for their excellent liaison; the School Dental Officers, Child Guidance team, School Nurses, and Clerical Staff. I wish my successor all success and hope he will continue to get all the support that has always been generously given to me.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE W. MURRAY,

Principal School Medical Officer.

STAFF OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Principal School Medical Officer :

George W. Murray, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Retired December 31st)

First Assistant School Medical Officer :

Mary Fallowfield Joel, M.B., Ch.B.

Assistant School Medical Officers :

John E. J. Palser, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Wilhelmina N. Gaye, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon (Part-time) :

Thomas S. Blackledge, M.D., D.O.M.S.

Consultant Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon (Part-Time) :

Ian B. Thorburn, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., F.R.C.S., D.L.O.

Child Psychiatrist (Part-time) :

A. R. Grant, O.B.E., M.D., J.P.

Educational Psychologist :

Philip Lanch, B.A.Psych.(Hons.), D.L.C.(Hons.).

Social Worker :

Vacant.

Principal School Dental Officer :

Marshall Smith, L.D.S., R.C.S.(Eng.).

Consultant Dental Surgeon (Part-time) :

H. Ackers, M.B., F.D.S., R.C.S.E., R.F.C.S.

Dental Officers :

J. S. Couper, L.D.S.(Edin.).

Mrs. J. Hopkinson, L.D.S. (Manchester).

R. Martin, L.D.S. (Liverpool).

H. Marshall, L.D.S.

School Nurses :

Mrs. W. O'Gara, R.S.C.N., S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. (Senior Nurse).
Miss R. Hickson, S.R.N., S.C.M.
Mrs. M. Harrap, S.R.N., M., S.S.Ch.
Mrs. E. Kent, S.R.N., (nee Wolstencroft)—left September 30th.
Miss E. W. Walker, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.
Mrs. L. M. Hayes, S.R.N., S.C.N., H.V. (nee Coward)—left July 31.
Mrs. W. Carter, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.
Miss S. J. Burton, S.R.N., H.V.—commenced October 27th.
Mrs. B. Marsden, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., S.I.—commenced Nov. 11th.

Speech Therapists :

Miss J. M. Johnson, L.C.S.T.—commenced March 17th.
Miss M. Dodson, L.C.S.T.—commenced April 1st.
Mrs. L. F. Puttergill, L.R.A.M., A.L.A.M. (Part-Time)—
Commenced April 15th. Left December 18th.

Physiotherapist :

Miss B. P. Craddock, M.C.S.P.

Teacher of Lip Reading (Part-time) :

Miss M. Sandiford, B.A., Univ. Cert. for Teachers of the Deaf,
Manchester University.

Clerical Staff :

Mrs. B. McKenna (Senior Clerk).
Miss J. Sheare: Mrs. E. Briggs: Miss I. Sealey: Miss A. Ashton-Rigby:
Miss B. Jackson: Miss A. Adamson: Miss M. Barnes (com. May 10th)

Dental Attendants :

Miss C. Banks : Miss E. G. Cutler (left Oct. 31st) : Mrs. G. J. Dodd :
Miss M. Roberts : Miss D. Whittaker : Miss M. Lancashire
(comm. Nov. 3rd)

Hygiene Assistant :

Mrs. J. Williamson (née Kirkman).

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLACKPOOL

Area of Borough (including foreshore)	(acres)	10,718
Population (Registrar-General's latest official estimate)		144,500
	<i>No. of Schools</i>	<i>No. of Pupils</i>
Technical College (Jun. Art Dept.)	1	51
Secondary Grammar	3	1,728
Independent Secondary Grammar ...	4	1,581
Secondary Technical	1	776
Secondary Modern	11	4,433
Primary	32	10,324
Non-Reorganised	2	502
Open Air	1	49
Private and Preparatory	12	889
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TOTAL	67	20,333

PREMISES

CENTRAL CLINIC, BENNETT AVENUE (Medical and Dental).

Open daily, Monday to Friday 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon.
2 p.m. to 4-30 p.m.

Saturday 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon

BRANCH CLINICS.

ASHBURTON ROAD.

(a) Medical: Open Mon., Wed., Fri 2-0 p.m. to 4-30 p.m.

Dental: Open Mon. to Fri.

one week in three 9 30 to 12 noon.

Open Daily, Mon. to Fri. ... 2-6 p.m. to 4-30 p.m.

ROSEACRE MEDICAL CLINIC (at Roseacre School).

Open Monday 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Open Thursday and Friday 2 p.m. to 4-30 p.m.

DENTAL CLINIC, 350 LYTHAM ROAD.

Open Daily, Monday to Friday 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon.
2 p.m. to 4-30 p.m.

Saturday 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon.

In addition, the following Specialist Clinics are held :

Premises

No. of sessions

Bennett Avenue Clinic.

Orthodontic work 2 per week

Ophthalmic Clinic 2 per week

Lip Reading Clinic 2 per week

Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist Clinic 1 per month

Ashburton Road Clinic

Child Guidance Clinic 11 per week

Municipal Health Centre.

Speech Clinic 10 per week

CO-ORDINATION

There continues to be close co-operation between the School Health Service and other departments concerned with the health of the children. There is also a good liaison with the Hospital and the General Practitioners. Many cases are referred direct to the School Health Service from Hospital for further treatment and advice on education. The Paediatrician at the Hospital welcomes

any of the Nurses or Medical staff at his clinic, or to see any of the patients in the Hospital. In all cases found during routine inspection to require Specialist advice, the General Practitioners are notified and their co-operation is always forthcoming. Thus do all three services—the General Practitioners, the School Health Service and the Hospital—work together for the benefit of the children.

STAFF.

We were fortunate to obtain the services of two Speech Therapists, Miss J. M. Johnson, who came on March 17th, and Miss M. Dodson, who commenced on April 1st. In addition, a part-time therapist, Mrs. L. F. Puttergill, was appointed to help to reduce the ever-increasing waiting list. She terminated her appointment on December 31st.

Miss Cutler, Dental Attendant, left on October 31st, and her place was taken by Miss Lancashire.

Two School Nurses left to get married. Miss Burton was appointed to the Health Department, and seconded to the School Health Service, on October 27th. Mrs. Marsden commenced on November 11th.

There remains a vacancy for a Psychiatric Social Worker in the Child Guidance Clinic.

SCHOOL HYGIENE.

During the year, re-decorating has been carried out as follows :

SCHOOLS.

Interior.

Norbreck Primary.
Devonshire Primary
Stanley Junior.
Hawes Side Primary.
Thames Road Primary.
Roseacre Primary.
Revoe Junior.
Technical College (top floor).

Exterior.

Grange Park Primary.
Tyldesley Boys—pre-fabricated building and new block.
Waterloo Primary.
St. Columba's Infants.

SCHOOL KITCHENS.

Baines Endowed Primary—Interior and Exterior.
Collegiate—Interior and Exterior.
Highfield Sec. Modern—Interior and Exterior.
Revoe Junior—Interior.

PERIODIC SCHOOL INSPECTIONS

All schools have again been visited for the purpose of Routine Medical Inspection. The following table shows the numbers of each age group seen. The number of children actually seen varies very little from last year, both in the case of routine inspections and re-inspections, but many more re-tests were made for visual defects.

Diphtheria immunisation was again carried out in the Spring Term, the numbers being slightly higher than last year.

The total numbers in the Schools who were examined were as follows :—

<i>Year of birth</i>	<i>Number</i>
1954 and 1953 (Entrants)	1045
1952	446
1951	314
1950	962
1949	455
1948	71
1947	407
1946	822
1945	529
1944	162
1943	1330
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TOTAL	6543
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Other examinations were carried out in the Schools as follows :—

Re-examinations	1860
Special Inspections	392
Nurses' Survey (7 +)	147
Re-tests for vision	1932
Special Classes Survey	186

Other School Work.

Audiometer Tests	871
Total number of children immunised against Diphtheria	2191

FINDINGS AT MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

The general condition of the children still maintains its high level, only .93% being found unsatisfactory. Many of the unsatisfactory cases are due to respiratory conditions, especially Asthma. Visual defects still appear in fairly large numbers, especially in the leaver group, where the number of new cases, i.e. children requiring treatment for the first time, is higher than in any other age group.

There have been the usual number of speech defects, found mostly in the entrant group. This keeps the waiting list at approximately the same number in spite of the number of cases treated or attending for therapy.

As in previous years, orthopaedic defects have been high on the list. These are bad postures, valgus ankles and flat feet; the postural defects are mainly in the senior group, but the foot defects are becoming very common in the younger age group, due, it is felt, in many cases to faulty footwear and to a lesser degree to heredity.

The numbers of psychological problems remain about the same. They seem to occur more commonly in groups other than the seniors. Many problems are helped by advice by the School Medical Officer to teachers and parents, but the more severe cases are referred to the Child Guidance Clinic. The work in the Child Guidance Clinic is hampered by the lack of a Psychiatric Social Worker.

There has been, as usual, a large number of Ear, Nose and Throat defects, and particular attention is being paid to hearing defects and/or discharging ears. The Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist from the Hospital attends once a month to deal with these problems.

WORK OF THE SCHOOL NURSES

(A) *In the Schools.*

1. Routine Cleanliness Surveys three times a year. Following-up of children found to be in an unsatisfactory condition.
2. Visits to the Open Air School and Special Classes.
3. Special visits, as required, in respect of outbreaks of infectious diseases.
4. Seeing children for whom spectacles have been prescribed to ensure that the spectacles have been obtained.
5. Group Audiometer Tests for deafness.
6. Assistance at Routine Inspections and Immunisation sessions.
7. Consultations with Head Teachers with regard to special cases.

(B) *In the Clinics.*

1. Attendance daily at inspection and treatment clinics, under the School Medical Officer's supervision.
2. Polio Immunisation clinics at the Health Centre.
3. Attendance at Refraction Clinics twice weekly.
4. Examination of cases of Ringworm and contacts under Wood's Glass.
5. Individual Audiometer tests of children with defective hearing.
6. Supervision of the work of the Hygiene Assistant at the Cleansing and Scabies treatment clinics.

(C) *In the Homes.*

1. Domiciliary visits to delicate children during long absences from school, re arrangements for home tuition.
2. Following up of children referred for treatment or observation by the Chest Physician.
3. Visiting and advising parents concerning unsatisfactory conditions found at Cleanliness Surveys.
4. Following-up of cases failing to attend for treatment at Clinics.
5. Miscellaneous visits (e.g. parents' requests ; investigation of progress after operative treatment, etc.)
6. Visits to ascertain home circumstances, in cases of Educationally Sub-Normal and Ineducable children.

(D) *Keeping of Statistical Records for Monthly & Annual Reports.*

The total number of visits made by the school nurses was as follows :—

To the homes	454
To the schools	977
Number of sessions spent in the Clinics	1877
To swimming baths with Open Air School Children	37
To Health Centre for Polio immunisation ...	11

Each Nurse has, in addition to routine work, her own special job to do, as follows :—

1. Refraction and Consultant Eye Clinics.
2. Audiometer Tests.
3. Keeping of records of children attending the Chest Clinic.
4. Immunisation for Diphtheria of children in schools, with the School Medical Officers.
5. Special home visits in connection with Section 57 and 34 of the Education Act, 1944.
6. One Nurse in charge of each branch clinic.

The School Nurses have an interesting and responsible job to do in advising in the schools and in the homes. Their tact and understanding is invaluable in dealing with problem families and in the smooth running of the Clinics, and medical inspections. They have again been called upon to give reports on home environment for the Child Guidance Clinic, owing to the Authority still being unable to get a psychiatric social worker.

All but two of the School Nurses are Health Visitors. It is hoped that in the near future, with integration of the School Health Service and the Public Health Service, that a closer link will be made with the Clinics, the Schools, and the homes.

CLEANLINESS

Inspection	Total	Examinations		Percentage with few nits		Percentage with many nits	
		Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
First ..	13,010	6,916	6,094	.29	.54	.12	.8
Second	13,585	6,152	7,436	.14	.47	.27	.92
Third	13,518	5,769	7,749	.47	.79	.26	.83

Total number of inspections during the year 40,116

Individual number of children found unclean 423

Number of follow-up inspections 675

CLEANLINESS CENTRE—Ashburton Road Clinic.

During the year, 1256 attendances were made for Head Cleansing. There were 431 individual children, some of whom, having been cleared, became re-infested and therefore made subsequent attendances. It seems that many more children become infested during the long holiday which partly accounts for the increased numbers, especially in the third term. We have also had a fair number of Services children who stay in the town for a short duration. There were 17 cases who attended for skin cleansing and baths. These were confined to three families and one single child. They made 56 attendances in all.

Cleanliness Inspections in the Clinics.

During the year, a total number of 160 children were inspected in the Clinics for cleanliness.

SCHOOL MEDICAL CLINICS

There were 15,389 attendances in 1958 compared with 14,948 in 1957 and 15,262 in 1956. There is very little variation in the types of cases seen during the year.

Eye defects remain high, as do diseases of the skin. The skin diseases are mainly minor troubles, and clear up quite quickly. Resistant skin infections are referred to the Dermatologist at the Hospital, for advice.

An Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist was appointed to attend the Clinic once a month to see particularly bad Ear defects, and children found to have a hearing loss. This has cut down the time wasted in awaiting the opinion of the Specialist re special education. A number of cases have also been referred to the Diagnostic Clinic in Preston for hearing ascertainment following the E.N.T. Specialist's examination.

Nocturnal Enuresis continues to be a problem and much time is spent advising on this defect. A special clinic was started once a week to deal with this. Resistant cases are referred to the Hospital where it has been possible to treat many with the alarum apparatus, with quite good results. The apparatus is loaned to the children for a period of 3—4 months.

The Physiotherapist continues to have a long waiting list, especially for foot defects, in spite of constant advice to parents and children on the care of the feet and types of shoes suitable for growing feet. Doctors, Nurses and Teachers have tried to encourage children to wear a regulation shoe, but without parental co-operation they fight a losing battle against fashion. A mother was actually heard to say in a shop, when buying shoes for her 7-year-old daughter, that she did not want school type shoes: she must have casuals like all the rest.

There has been, as usual, a large number of sprains and injuries, and an unusual number of fractures of the small bones of the feet and hands.

Medical and Surgical cases have been about the same in numbers and types as in previous years.

Special Examinations.

The School Medical Officers have again had a large number of handicapped children of most categories to see and advise re schooling. As in previous years, children have been seen before referring to the Child Guidance Clinic with emotional difficulties. In many cases they can be dealt with successfully by the School Medical Officers. The Educational Psychologist has dealt with many problems, but is handicapped by the lack of a Psychiatric Social Worker.

Again a large number of licences have been issued and many children examined for fitness re school journeys. Boarded-out children, and prospective candidates for entry to Teachers' Training Colleges were also examined.

The meetings of Special Class teachers were again held at Bennett Avenue Clinic. These are helpful in co-ordinating the work done in special classes for E.S.N. children, as these classes are scattered throughout the town. The Chief Education Officer, and his Deputy, attended meetings to discuss the requirements for the proposed new school for E.S.N. children. As in previous years, the Educational Psychologist discussed various aspects of his work with the backward and disturbed child.

ATTENDANCES AT MEDICAL CLINICS

	1958	1957
Attendances	15,389	14,918
Number of ailments treated	7,818	6,772
Number of individual children	3,971	3,971
Average number of visits per child	3.9	3.8

DETAILS OF CASES REQUIRING EXAMINATION, TREATMENT, OR ADVICE AT THE MEDICAL CLINICS

SKIN: Diseases of the Skin	1,278
EYES: Visual defects (including squints)	1,029
External eye defects	192
Glasses for repair or replacement	519
EARS: Deafness, earache, etc.	325
NOSE & THROAT: Catarrh, sore throat, tonsillitis, etc.	469
ORTHOPAEDIC CASES: Crippling defects, poor posture, flat feet	178
NERVOUS DISORDERS	36
PSYCHOLOGICAL CASES: Behaviour and personality disorders, stability, backwardness, etc.	181
MEDICAL CASES: Speech defects	22
Cervical Glands	14
Heart and circulation	3
Chest and Lung defects	132
Development (including Hernia)	6
Miscellaneous medical cases	663
INFECTIOUS DISEASES:	12
SURGICAL CASES: Injuries, sprains, wounds	1,165
Abscesses, boils	158
Burns, scalds	52
Minor surgical cases	87
SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS: Including examinations for fitness for school; issue of Employment and Entertainment Licences; Boarded-out children; Special cases (2 H.P., etc.)	1,273

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE SCHOL MEDICAL OFFICERS

Employment of children out of school hours.

During the year, 359 examinations were carried out in connection with the granting of licences to work out of school hours. The majority of these licences were for delivering newspapers.

Employment of children in Entertainments.

87 examinations were carried out in respect of children applying for licences permitting them to take part in public entertainments. The majority of these licences were for children taking part in the annual Tower Ballet.

Boarded-Out Children.

53 periodic examinations of boarded-out children were carried out at the School Clinic during the year, by arrangement with the Children's Officer. Boarded-out children have also been examined and treated at the Clinic for minor ailments.

Teaching Staff.

43 candidates for Teachers' Training Colleges have been examined during the year by the School Medical Officers. 19 newly-appointed teachers were also medically examined. In cases where up-to-date chest X-ray reports were not available, arrangements were made for chest examinations to be made at the Municipal Health Centre.

Fitness for Activities.

176 children were examined to ascertain their fitness for Physical Training, Swimming, Boxing and attendances at camp and other holiday activities.

Special Cases : Handicapped Pupils.

157 special examinations were carried out during the year in connection with the completion of Forms 2 H.P. for Mentally Handicapped children ; application forms for admission of handicapped children to special schools. Children were tested with regard to their suitability for admission to special classes for Educationally Sub-Normal children, and also, examinations were carried out in connection with notifying ineducable children under Section 57 of the Education Act.

SPECIALIST TREATMENT

The Victoria Hospital deals with all surgical cases and emergencies referred from the School Clinics. Tonsils and Adenoid operations are carried out by the Hospital Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeons. General medical cases are referred to the Hospital Paediatrician, and special cases to the appropriate surgeon. Eye cases requiring operation or Orthoptic out-patient treatment are treated at the Hospital by the Eye Specialists.

The following cases were referred to Victoria Hospital during the year from the School Medical Clinics :—

For Orthoptic treatment	38
For Tonsil and Adenoid operation	148
Other Ear, Nose and Throat cases	78
Surgical Cases	6
Casualties and Emergencies	148
For X-Ray	14
Skin cases	15
Orthopaedic cases	41
Eye cases	2
Paediatrician	52
Other cases	1

Whittingham Hospital, Preston.

During the year, one case of suspected Epilepsy was given Electro Encephalographic examination for diagnosis.

Deaf Cases.

Two children were seen during the year at the Manchester University Department for the Education of the Deaf, for examination.

ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS

Children treated as In-patients at Victoria Hospital	31
Children treated in the Orthopaedic Out-patients' Department of Victoria Hospital	78

HEART DEFECTS

In the Routine Medical Inspection, 30 children were found to be suffering from defects of heart and circulation. The necessary treatment and supervision were carried out. Severe cardiac defects were kept under continuous observation and admitted to the Open Air School where necessary.

SPASTIC PARALYSIS

Total number of cases kept under observation	19
Not severely affected—able to attend ordinary schools	6
In the Open Air School (day special school)	5
Severely handicapped—at special residential schools	3
At home, under supervision	5

RHEUMATISM

During the year, 10 children suffering from Rheumatism have been seen in the School Clinic, as follows :—

Rheumatism	3
Rheumatic Fever	6
Rheumatoid Arthritis	1

Eight of these children are in ordinary schools under special supervision, and Two are in a residential school.

CONVALESCENT TREATMENT

During the year, 10 delicate and debilitated children received convalescent treatment, as follows :

West Kirby Concalescent Home	6
Ormerod Home, St. Annes on Sea	3
Our Lady of Lourdes, Grange-over-Sands	1

The School medical Officers are very grateful for the co-operation of the Homes in taking cases without delay. The benefits received by the children are manifold.

DISEASES OF THE SKIN

The total number of skin lesions recorded at the Clinics during the year was 1,278. These included Impetigo, Septic Abrasions, Warts, Eczema, etc.

VISUAL DEFECTS

Defects ascertained at Routine Medical Inspections in Schools.

Number of children referred for refraction	264
Number for observation (slight defective vision)	561
Wearing suitable glasses	293
Wearing glasses and referred for re-test	25

Nurses' Survey in Schools—Vision Testing.

Total number inspected	1932
Number of above referred for refraction	273

REFRACTION CLINIC—Held at Bennett Avenue Clinic.

Number of children examined	1029
Number for whom spectacles were prescribed	480
Number for whom spectacles were not advised	188
Number, already wearing spectacles, for whom no change of lens was advised	322
Number referred for Orthoptic treatment at Victoria Hospital	39

The following is an analysis of the defects found among children for whom spectacles were prescribed :—

Simple Hypermetropia	92
Hypermetropic Astigmatism	83
Simple Myopia	241
Myopic Astigmatism	46
Mixed Astigmatism	9
Other cases	9

(Squint cases occurring among the above — 59).

Spectacles received	414
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The level of activity has been maintained, as shown by the figures. There has been a close co-operation with the Victoria Hospital, and in November, 1958, an Orthoptist was appointed to the Hospital. As this post had been vacant for some time, treatment of squints by exercises has been delayed.

The Eye Specialist made a special survey of the children who are known to be diabetic. There are 8 cases out of a school population of 20,333. Not one case had a visual defect.

NOSE AND THROAT DEFECTS

At the Routine Medical Inspections, 162 children were found to require treatment for nose and throat defects, including tonsillar sepsis and/or adenoids. In addition, 318 children were found to require observation for minor defects. 469 children received treatment in the Clinics.

148 children were referred to Victoria Hospital for Tonsil and Adenoid operation. A number of school children were also referred to the Hospital direct by their private doctors. 435 children received operative treatment for Tonsils and Adenoids during the year. 129 children received operative treatment at the Hospital for other nose and throat defects.

EAR DEFECTS

During the year, 46 children were found, at Routine Medical Inspections in schools to be suffering from defects of the Ear, and requiring treatment :—

Defective Hearing	31
Middle Ear Disease	9
Other cases	6

375 children were treated in the School Clinics during the year, as follows :—

Defective Hearing	146
Middle Ear Disease	41
Other cases	188

Three children received operative treatment at Victoria Hospital for Ear defects during the year.

A Specialist from Victoria Hospital was appointed to do one session a month at Bennett Avenue Clinic. He has seen all cases of discharging ears, and all cases found to have a hearing loss. Advice was given re schooling and use of hearing aids. 39 children were seen during the year.

The Specialist Clinic was started in June, 1958 :—

Number referred to Hospital for further investigation	8
Number referred for Lip Reading	3
Number referred for Hearing Aids	4
Number to attend Clinic for treatment	3
The rest were put on observation in school.	

Group Audiometer Tests.

As in previous years, sweep audiometer tests were done in school of the nine-year age group; and in the Clinics of special cases referred from routine medical inspections, teachers, and general practitioners.

Number seen in school	768
Number seen in Clinic	103

Schools.

Number of sessions	29
Number of children tested	768
Number found to have normal hearing	730
Number found to have defective hearing	38

Clinics.

Number of children tested	103
Number found to have normal hearing	75
Number found to have defective hearing	28
Total number of children with defective hearing	66
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Treatment.

Number of above referred for Lip Reading	3
Referred to Hospital	5
Referred for special treatment	9
Slightly defective hearing, for periodic check-up and observation	41
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Total	66
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LIP READING — at Bennett Avenue Clinic.

Fourteen children attended for Lip Reading during the year. A brief report on each child follows :—

One girl (severely deaf) concluded daily lessons in July, having attained the age of 16 years. Her work was satisfactory, but in general, she is immature owing to over-indulgence at home and no development of a sense of responsibility. She is now attending the School of Art at the Technical College.

One boy concluded lessons in December when he left Tyldesley School, having attained the age of 15 years. He now has a Government Transistor hearing aid. His speech is now quite good in spite of poor muscular control. Lip-reading is fairly good, but he still tries to rely on his hearing to a great extent.

One boy (aged 7) concluded lessons in March, after two courses of lessons—24 in all. His speech responded to help and also, his reading improved. There is only slight deafness, and in the opinion of the Lip Reading Specialist, and that of the Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, this does not account for his backwardness in school.

One boy (aged 6½) came for lessons in Lipreading and Speech ; but hospital treatment so improved his hearing that lessons were discontinued after one course.

One boy (aged 15) has considerable deafness on the left side, but the right ear is good. He had a course of twelve lessons in Lip Reading between January and May. He proved a good pupil with natural aptitude for Lip Reading, even when the right ear was blocked and he was spoken to in a very low voice.

One boy (aged 9) has slight deafness, and the chief work was to correct speech defects. He worked very hard and intelligently, and benefitted psychologically as well as in his speech. Lessons concluded in October after two courses of twelve lessons each.

One boy (aged 11) had one course of lessons in Lip Reading, and his hearing has lately improved considerably and no further lessons are needed at present.

One boy (aged 8) is partially deaf from birth. His speech and vocabulary are affected but he is intelligent and continues to make good progress. He has a Government Transistor Aid which he uses in conjunction with Lip Reading.

One boy (aged 6) has defective speech. He has made very good progress since lessons began in September. He tries very hard.

One boy (aged 13) began lessons in September. He was not a natural lipreader, but has benefitted from the lessons and now Lip Reads very well. He has a Government Transistor Aid.

One boy (aged 10) began lessons in October. He is a natural lipreader and now uses a Government Transistor Hearing Aid regularly and without embarrassment. The teacher proposes finishing the Lip Reading lessons shortly, as she feels he can now cope with his handicap, using Lip Reading and Hearing Aid.

One boy (aged 15) showed no natural ability for Lip Reading when he first came in September, but he has made satisfactory progress. He has a Government Transistor Aid which he uses in conjunction with Lip Reading.

One boy (aged 5) began lessons in October. He was born partially deaf and his speech and vocabulary are affected. He is

learning to lipread (which he does naturally to some extent) and to make the best use of his hearing. He has made a very promising start. He is shortly to be supplied with a Government Transistor Aid.

One boy (aged 11) began lessons in November. He finds lip-reading difficult but has had only nine lessons so far. He is using a "Multitone" hearing Aid in school (property of the Education Committee) and it is hoped he will have a Transistor Aid of his own soon.

In addition to teaching the above pupils, the Lip Reading Specialist has done a considerable amount of testing of hearing by audiometer, both at schools (sweep tests) and at Bennett Avenue Clinic for more detailed audiograms. She has also attended the E.N.T. Specialist's monthly clinic at Bennett Avenue, since July.

Many more boys than girls attended this year for Lip Reading. There does not seem to be any explanation for this.

SPEECH CLINIC

We were fortunate in obtaining two new Speech Therapists; one commenced duties in March, the other in April. As we had been without a Speech Therapist for six months, and the waiting list had grown considerably, we appointed a part-time therapist who, although not a qualified Speech Therapist, was a well qualified teacher of elocution. Her services proved valuable in dealing with minor defects of speech. She commenced duties in April and left in December, when the waiting list had been considerably reduced. The details of the work done in the Speech Clinic from April to December are as follows:—

Total attendances at Speech Clinic	2,527
Number of children receiving regular treatment on December 31st	136

Analysis of cases receiving regular treatment.

Stammer	25	
Stammer and incorrect sounds	12	
Incorrect sounds	89	
Cleft Palate and other disorders of resonance	3	
Incorrect speech due to birth or brain injury	4	
Lack of speech	2	
Other defects (Dysphonia)	1	136
Cases discharged since last report		59
New cases taken on		153
Number on waiting list at end of year		191
Number of school visits		63
Number of home visits		71
First Assistant School Medical Officer—new cases seen		154

Number referred to other departments.

Medical	15
Child Guidance	9
Dental	7
Review cases seen in Clinic	54
Number who attended Mrs. Puttergill	356
Number of children receiving weekly treatment at home	3
Weekly Clinics have been held at the Open Air School, Grange Park School, and St. Colomba's School.	

CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

New cases seen by Psychiatrist	74
Total number of cases seen by Psychiatrist	101
Psychologist's examinations in Clinic and Schools ...	175
Number of parents interviewed	221
Attendances for remedial or therapeutic treatment ...	116
School visits	133
Total number of children Group Tested	1646

Educational Problems.

In order to facilitate the early ascertainment of educationally sub-normal children, for the first time some large-scale group testing was carried out with the 7-8 year old age group. As a result of this rough sorting—it must be emphasised that no children were ascertained as a result of this one non-verbal Intelligence Test—twenty-four children were selected for individual testing. In future a selected number of children from the 6-7 year old age group may also be examined in the same way.

Another feature of the year has been the increase in the number of children referred by the Chief Education Officer in order that their intellectual potential and educational attainment might be measured; all of these were children over eleven years of age who came to Blackpool from abroad.

Emotional.

The investigation of children's emotional problems has continued, and the Psychiatrist has made the following observations:

Considerable attention is paid to interviewing parents and guardians. Whenever possible, both parents are seen and advised. In some cases the parents have different views about the handling of their child. This may result in the child "playing off" one parent against the other. Parents are advised to present a common front and above all not to argue about the child in the child's presence. In most cases the parents are only too willing to act on the advice given them—being in the main anxious to bring up their children properly—but in some cases they have failed to take our advice.

Blackpool has its own special problems. There is no doubt at all that during the holiday season many children earn a good deal of money by carrying luggage, running errands, etc., and when that money is no longer available they are perhaps more inclined to indulge in pilfering than they would otherwise be. In addition, some parents do not approve of their children doing this type of work, and the result is that these children feel frustrated because they have not got as much money as their fellows. In some instances during the holiday season, the parents are unable to exercise the necessary supervision over their children.

In many cases parents are not living together, and a divided home invariably results in the children feeling a lack of security. The families of Service personnel present another difficulty. Many Service children have attended as many as five or six schools within a period of two or three years, and this constant moving about cannot be good for a child; it is bound to retard its educational progress.

In a few cases we find that one or other of the parents has had a psychiatric history, and may not be capable of coping with children.

Unfortunately, the waiting list continues to be too long in duration; routine referrals may have to wait as long as four months. We still urgently need the services of a Psychiatric Social Worker.

OPEN AIR SCHOOL FOR DELICATE AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Diagnosis of Children in the Open Air School. December, 1958.

BOYS	GIRLS
Chest and Asthma12	Chest and Asthma 9
Delicate & Debilitated 3	Debility 5
Muscular Dystrophy 4	Hemiplegia 1
Rheumatic Carditis 1	Spina Bifida..... 2
Nephritis 1	Spastic 2
Old Polio 2	Old Polio 2
Spastic 3	Scoliosis 1
Spinal trouble 1	
Fractured Femur 1	

It was agreed by the Authority that both categories (delicate and physically handicapped) should be admitted to this school. Although in previous years physically handicapped children have been admitted in small numbers it was now felt that a balance of both categories could be made with success. A number of spastic children of 5-7 years age-group have been admitted, three of whom are in wheel chairs. With regular physiotherapy they are making good progress and beginning to walk with assistance. The Physiotherapist attends school regularly three or four times a week, treating all cases for whom exercises are helpful, e.g., Asthmatics, Spastics and Poliomyelitis cases. She is greatly hampered in her work by lack of adequate accommodation.

As in previous years a swimming class for the most severe cases of physical handicap has been held each week. We are grateful to the Physical Education department for their help with this. The Physiotherapist gives regular exercises in the water, and apart from the real benefit these handicapped children get, it is a great joy for them to move freely in the water.

In spite of the numbers apparently falling in other authorities for this type of child, Blackpool still has a great need for more accommodation for these two categories. There is a special problem here as many parents move to the coast because of having delicate children. There is a large number of Asthma cases on our lists who would benefit by admission to the Open Air School. Unfortunately, only the most severe handicaps can be dealt with. Some children in residential schools could also be dealt with in a day school with adequate facilities. It is felt that children should be brought up as far as possible in the care of their families and attending a day school. In this way they do not grow up with the feeling that they are so much different from the other members of the family.

Care is taken to emphasise to the parents that the handicapped child should be treated where possible as a normal child.

As in previous years, the parents have been most co-operative and in many cases have been loth to allow their children to return to normal schools when they were fit.

We are all agreed that normal schooling should be the aim, even for handicapped children, but there is still a pressing need for special schooling.

Close co-operation exists between the Paediatrician, the Orthopaedic Surgeons, and the School Doctors in dealing with the many problems arising in a school of this nature. The staff of the School Health Service is grateful for the Specialists' interest and help in the past year.

HOME TUITION

At the end of the year 21 children were on Home Tuition. During the year 30 children had been recommended for varying periods until they were able to cope with normal schooling.

Eight cases have been on home tuition for a long time, their handicap being so severe as to prevent them attending even the Open Air School. One of these children is a blind boy who is partially deaf. He is making excellent progress and it is hoped, when he is a little older, that the parents will agree to a place being found for him in a special school. Another is a girl awaiting an operation for a congenital heart defect, too severe for her to attend school. One boy of nearly 16 who is a severe spastic made some progress and it was felt that we were justified in keeping him on for a further period of home tuition. One girl (a severe spastic) of 12 years is making good progress and can write quite well. Her speech is much clearer now—only within the last few months have strangers been able to understand her speech. It is hoped that she may develop sufficiently to be admitted to a special school.

The party held last Christmas was such a success that it was decided to hold another one this year at the Clinic for those children on Home Tuition. The staff of the Clinic are grateful to the School Charity Fund who sent a large contribution towards its cost ; also to the Technical College and the Palatine School for the loan of equipment.

Details of cases on home tuition at the the end of the year.

Spastics	4
Old Poliomyelitis	4
Spina Bifida	1
Osteomyelitis	2
Hydrocephalus	1
Severe Asthma	1
Psychological	1
Debility	2
Cardiac case	1
Mastoidectomy	1
Bronchiectasis	1
Blind	1
Haemophilia	1

CHEST CLINIC

The Chest Clinic (under the Regional Hospital Board) is held at the Municipal Health Centre. Cases are referred from the School Clinics and from Routine Medical Inspections. X-ray and Tuberculosis skin reactions are carried out. A school nurse visits all chest cases, and where treatment such as Ultra-Violet Ray or Breathing Exercises is recommended, makes the necessary arrangements. Such treatment is carried out in the Authority's Health Centre Physiotherapy Department.

Diagnosis of new cases seen in Chest Clinic		Old cases still under observation
Bronchitis	40	11
Bronchiectasis	10	3
Asthma	18	12
Upper Respiratory Infection	74	6
Low Grade Pneumonia	16	2
Pleurisy	3	—
T.B. Contacts	11	—
Examined and found free from defect	28	—
Cervical Adenitis	3	—

Chest cases seen at Victoria Hospital.

Asthma	1	1
Primary T.B.	3	5
Bronchiectasis	—	2
Abdom. T.B.	1	—

Tuberculosis in School Children.

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Pulmonary : Improving, Quiescent	20	21	41
Discharged	9	6	15
Left town	1	—	1
Contacts examined	12	9	21
Glandular	1	2	3
Osseous	1	—	1

PHYSIOTHERAPY

The number of cases seen by the Physiotherapist has greatly increased this year. As stated earlier in the report there continues to be much need for remedial exercises for Foot and Postural defects. These children are referred mainly from Routine Medical Inspections and from the school clinics. The children are all reviewed by the First Assistant School Medical Officer before discharge and many are reviewed after discharge in three to six months.

Breathing exercises sessions are held regularly and are well attended. Many of these cases are referred from the Victoria Hospital Paediatric Clinic, or from the Chest Physicians.

The following table shows the type of cases treated and the number of attendances :—

	No. of Treatments	Attendances
Health Centre.		
(a) U.V.R.		
Respiratory Catarrh	94	518
Tonsils	9	51
Recurrent Colds	88	563
Debility	94	543
Recurrent Bronchitis	44	196
Miscellaneous	42	216
(b) BREATHING EXERCISES.		
Asthma	127	311
Bronchitis	28	67
Upper Resp. Infection	32	81
(c) RADIANT HEAT	5	37
(d) REMEDIAL TREATMENT.		
Postural defects.....	25	64
Flat Feet	321	926
Old Polio	14	69
Birth Palsy.....	2	2
Spina Bifida	2	16
Miscellaneous	9	80
Open Air School.		
(a) ORTHOPAEDIC CASES.		
Postural defects	12	36
Flat Feet	1	1
Old Polio	24	114
Muscular Dystrophy	32	173
Miscellaneous	32	141
(b) CHEST CASES.		
Asthma	65	173
Bronchitis	71	179
Upper Resp. Infection	11	32
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the details of Infectious Diseases occurring among school children during the year, also the corresponding numbers for the past three years :—

	1958	1957	1956	1955
Scarlet Fever	94	64	113	89
Whooping Cough	13	20	135	38
Measles	72	1543	19	380
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	2	3	7	9
Sonne Dysentery	15	15	163	769
Poliomyelitis	4	2	10	3
Food Poisoning	—	2	1	10
Contacts excluded	150			

This seems to have been an average year for infectious diseases, there being no epidemics and no increase in absence from school.

There have been no cases of Diphtheria in Blackpool since 1950. During the year, 2191 children were immunised through the School Health Service, against Diphtheria, as follows :—

Number of children who received primary injections	
(two doses)	297

Number of children who received "Booster" (reinforcing) doses	1894
Total	2191

Much time was given during the year to the immunisation against Poliomyelitis. All the nurses and doctors took turns to assist in the clinics at the Health Centre. Attendance at the Polio immunisation sessions was well maintained.

HANDICAPPED PUPILS

BLIND.	Boys	Girls	Total
At home, having home tuition	1	—	1
In residential Schools	1	1	2
PARTIALLY SIGHTED.			
Attending Primary and Secondary Schools under special supervision	6	2	8
DEAF.			
In Residential Schools	6	4	10
PARTIALLY DEAF.			
In Residential Schools	2	4	6
Attending Primary and Secondary Schools (including children having lip reading lessons—individual or class treatment)	10	9	19
DIABETIC.			
In School	7	—	7
Having Home Tuition	1	—	1
DELICATE.			
In Residential Schools	—	1	1
In Open Air School	16	14	30
At home, having home tuition	5	3	8
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.			
In Residential Schools	2	2	4
In Hospital Special Schools	—	2	2
In the Open Air School	12	8	20
At home, having Speech Therapy and Home Tuition	1	—	1
DELICATE, in ordinary schools. (including Asthma and Cardiac cases) ...	84	80	164
SLIGHTLY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.			
In ordinary schools	46	34	80
EPILEPTIC.			
Attending Residential Schools	—	1	1
Attending ordinary schools	8	4	12
PETIT MAL attending ordinary schools ...	19	16	35
EDUCATIONALLY SUB-NORMAL.			
In Residential Special Schools	5	2	7
In Day Special Schools	—	1	1
Awaiting places in Residential Schools ...	4	1	5
Awaiting places in Day Special Schools ...	70	51	121
MALADJUSTED.			
In Residential Schools	23	1	24

CO-OPERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES

The Chief Constable's Clothing Fund has continued to supply children in need with clothing and footwear. Clothing and footwear were supplied to 184 children.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has again been very helpful in dealing with cases of neglect referred to the Inspector. The numbers for the year were as follows :—

Number of cases during the year	7
Number of children dealt with	20
Number of adults warned or advised	10
Number of supervision visits made	27

COD LIVER OIL AND MALT

During the year, 33 notes were issued to the Foxton Dispensary, which has continued to supply Cod Liver Oil and Malt to delicate children.

81 jars of Cod Liver Oil and Malt have been distributed by the Education Authority for those children whose parents are unable to attend the Foxton Dispensary and for cases in which a prolonged course is not required.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

The staff at the Dental Clinics during the year under review consisted of the Chief Dental Officer and four Assistant Dental Officers.

There has again been a reduction in the waiting period between Routine Dental Inspections, which has had the effect of again reducing the number of casual patients attending for the relief of toothache, etc.

10,410 children were inspected by the Dental Officers at Routine Dental Inspections, and 1,677 casuals attended for emergency treatment; of these numbers, 9,566 were found to require treatment. During the year, 3,433 general anaesthetics were administered by the Dental Officers.

The Consulting Dental Surgeon continued to treat Orthodontic patients at two sessions weekly. 11 patients attended for Oral Surgery. 105 appliances were fitted and 106 patients had their treatment completed.

SCHOOL MEALS SERVICE

The total number of meals supplied by the School Kitchens during 1958 was 1,871,057, compared with 1,849,348 in 1957. 1,822,282 in 1956; and 1,895,531 in 1955. The average percentage of children having school meals in 1958 was 53.6, compared with 50.5 in 1957.

Number of pupils on registers of maintained and assisted primary and secondary schools (including nursery and special schools) in January, 1959, as in Form 7, 7M and

7N Schools 17,863

PART I.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED AND ASSISTED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCL. NURSERY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS)

Table A.—Periodic Medical Inspections.

Age Groups Inspected (by year of birth)	No. of Pupils Inspected	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
		SATISFACTORY		UNSATISFACTORY	
		No. (3)	% of Col. 2 (4)	No. (5)	% of Col. 2 (6)
1954 and later	9	9	100.0	—	—
1953	1036	1019	98.33	17	1.63
1952	446	433	97.08	13	2.91
1951	314	311	99.04	3	0.95
1950	962	956	99.37	6	0.62
1949	455	455	100.0	—	—
1948	71	71	100.0	—	—
1947	407	406	99.75	1	.24
1946	822	810	98.54	12	1.45
1945	529	524	99.05	5	.94
1944	162	162	100.0	—	—
1943 and earlier	1330	1326	99.69	4	0.3
TOTAL	6543	6482	99.06	61	0.93

TABLE B.—Pupils found to require treatment at Periodic Medical Inspection.

Age Groups Inspected (By year of Birth)	For Defective Vision (excluding Squint)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Part II	Total Individual pupils
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1954 and later	—	6	6
1953	1	205	193
1952	5	77	73
1951	16	37	41
1950	38	92	109
1949	11	45	49
1948	6	6	11
1947	17	32	36
1946	37	59	66
1945	16	29	33
1944	7	12	18
1943 and earlier	49	59	88
TOTAL	203	659	723

Table C.—Other Inspections.

Number of Re-inspections	1860
Number of Special Inspections	392
Total	2252

Table D.—Infestation with Vermin.

(a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by school nurses or other authorised persons	40,110
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	423
(c) number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Sect. 54(2), Education Act 1944)	Nil
(d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Sect. 54(3), Education Act 1944)	Nil

PART II.

DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION DURING THE
YEAR

Table A.—Periodic Inspections.

Defect Code No.	Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS							
		ENTRANTS		LEAVERS		OTHERS		TOTAL	
		(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)
4	Skin	3	12	2	4	4	35	10	51
5	Eyes (a) Vision	1	1	49	188	153	288	203	477
	(b) Squint	19	14	1	1	31	69	51	84
	(c) Other	1	4	—	1	3	9	4	14
6	Ears (a) Hearing	3	7	28	33	—	4	31	44
	(b) O. Media	2	1	1	2	6	8	9	11
	(c) Other	2	6	—	—	4	13	6	19
7	Nose and Throat	94	107	7	10	61	201	162	318
8	Speech	10	41	2	2	25	110	37	153
9	Lymphatic Glands	1	4	—	1	2	11	3	16
10	Heart	—	3	—	6	1	20	1	29
11	Lungs	15	24	1	5	15	65	31	94
12	Developmental								
	(a) Hernia	—	7	—	—	—	4	—	11
	(b) Other	—	1	—	9	—	37	—	47
13	Orthopaedic								
	(a) Posture	1	8	1	19	7	73	9	100
	(b) Feet	18	36	21	40	93	194	132	270
	(c) Other	7	35	21	39	50	171	78	245
14	Nervous System								
	(a) Epilepsy	—	4	—	1	—	13	—	18
	(b) Other	—	1	—	1	1	5	1	7
15	(a) Development								
	Psychological	1	2	—	—	9	9	10	11
	(b) Stability	24	16	—	2	35	47	59	65
16	Abdomen	5	—	—	—	5	6	10	6
17	Other	5	1	2	1	11	17	18	19

Table B.—Special Inspections.

Defect Code No.	Defect or Disease	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
		Pupils requiring Treatment	Pupils requiring Observation
4	Skin	—	—
5	Eyes (a) Vision	—	1
	(b) Squint	—	—
	(c) Other	—	—
6	Ears (a) Hearing	—	—
	(b) Otitis Media	—	2
	(c) Other	—	—
7	Nose and Throat	—	—
8	Speech	1	—
9	Lymphatic Glands	—	—
10	Heart	—	2
11	Lungs	22	—
12	Development		
	(a) Hernia	—	—
	(b) Other	—	—
13	Orthopaedic		
	(a) Posture	—	1
	(b) Feet	—	2
	(c) Other	10	—
14	Nervous System		
	(a) Epilepsy	—	—
	(b) Other	—	—
15	Psychological		
	(a) Development	—	162
	(b) Stability	1	—
16	Abdomen	1	1
17	Other	8	8

PART III.—TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED AND ASSISTED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING NURSERY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS)

NOTES: This part of the return should be used to give the total numbers of—

- (i) cases treated or under treatment during the year by members of the Authority's own staff ;
- (ii) cases treated or under treatment during the year in the Authority's school clinics under National Health Service arrangements with the Regional Hospital Board and
- (iii) cases known to the Authority to have been treated or under treatment elsewhere during the year.

Table A.—Eye Diseases, Defective Vision and Squint.

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excl. errors of refraction & squint	247
Errors of refraction (including squint)	1016
Total	1263
No. of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed ...	480

Table B.—Diseases and Defects of Ear, Nose and Throat.

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
Received operative treatment :	
(a) for diseases of the ear	3
(b) for chronic tonsillitis and adenoids	435
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	127
Received other forms of treatment	1124
Total	1689
Total No. of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids	
(a) in 1958	4
(b) in previous years	7

Table C.—Orthopaedic and Postural Defects.

	Number of cases known to have been treated
(a) Pupils treated at clinics or out-patient departments	443
(b) Pupils treated at school for postural defects	1
Total	444

Table D.—Diseases of the Skin.

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Ringworm—(a) Scalp	—
(b) Body	17
Scabies	8
Impetigo	108
Other Skin diseases	1182
Total	1315

Table E.—Child Guidance Treatment.

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics	222

Table F.—Speech Therapy.

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Pupils treated by speech therapists	285

Table G.—Other Treatment Given.

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
(a) Pupils with minor ailments.....	1743
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements	10
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. Vaccination	19
(d) Other than (a), (b) and (c) above (specify) :	
1. Medical	991
2. Speech	22
3. Physiotherapy and light treatment	273
4. Nervous Disorders.....	36
5. Psychological	181
Immunisation against Diphtheria	2191
Miscellaneous	1786
Total	7252

**PART IV.—DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT CARRIED
OUT BY THE AUTHORITY.**

(1) Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers :—	
(a) At Periodic Inspections	10,410
(b) As Specials	1,677
Total (1)	12,087
(2) Number found to require treatment	9,566
(3) Number offered treatment	9,016
(4) Number actually treated	5,290
(5) Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment, including those recorded at 11(h)	12,036
(6) Half days devoted to :—	
(a) Periodic (School) Inspection	69
(b) Treatment	2,467
Total (6)	2,536
(7) Fillings :	
(a) Permanent Teeth	5,234
(b) Temporary Teeth	8
Total (7)	5,242
(8) Number of Teeth filled :	
(a) Permanent Teeth	4,657
(b) Temporary Teeth	8
Total (8)	4,665
(9) Extractions :	
(a) Permanent Teeth	2,567
(b) Temporary Teeth	4,832
Total (9)	7,399
(10) Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	3,433
(11) Orthodontics :	
(a) Cases commenced during the year	89
(b) Cases carried forward from previous year	213
(c) Cases completed during the year	106
(d) Cases discontinued during the year	15
(e) Pupils treated with appliances	105
(f) Removable appliances fitted	71
(g) Fixed appliances fitted	34
(h) Total attendances	1,036
(12) Number of pupils supplied with artificial teeth	35
(13) Other operations :	
(a) Permanent Teeth	1,925
(b) Temporary Teeth	—
Total (13)	1,925

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
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The words, Physical Education, today cover a far greater field of physical activity than has ever been known before. Not only educational gymnastics, and well established games such as hockey, tennis, cricket and football, come under this heading, but all types of outdoor activities and sports as well.

Interest and performance in swimming and athletics has developed tremendously over the years, with gratifying results in school, county and country. The great numbers of courses now open to schoolchildren (and adults) in these two items alone, offer coaching and advice on training methods, and often supply the necessary medium for the development of the potential international.

In addition, courses on almost every aspect of physical activity have brought sports such as sailing, canoeing, riding, climbing, ski-ing, fencing, archery, weight lifting and judo, etc., within the grasp of schoolchildren and school leavers.

Physical Education plays an important part in the school curriculum, and today games and gymnastics are recognised as being as equally important as academic subjects. The presentation of physical education has altered in many ways since its first introduction. Present methods have been evolved to ensure the best way of obtaining results without strain or overuse of muscle power, but the aims remain constant—to achieve neuro muscular co-ordination and good posture, healthy bodily development, and an enjoyment of physical activity.

Primary Schools.

Work in these schools has continued on the lines suggested by the Ministry of Education in their recent publication, and there has been further progress in both ideas and teaching methods as suggested. The new freer methods and responsibility demanded of teachers is being accepted with increasing readiness and confidence.

Work in all the Primary Schools has been maintained at a very satisfactory level and additional climbing and agility apparatus has been provided where the need was greatest.

Junior Games.

Association football, as always, was the most popular sport for boys, and a very high standard of performance was apparent in the many inter-school matches played out of normal school hours. Softball, stoolball and athletics were practised in the summer months, as well as cricket and rotational cricket.

Netball, shinty and rounders were regularly played by girls in the Junior Schools and inter-school matches in these sports were also arranged.

Secondary Schools (Girls).

The standard of work in the schools has maintained a satisfactory level, and the important factor, enjoyment, is present in the physical education lesson in the gymnasium and hall.

Unfortunately, unsatisfactory conditions still exist in some of the older secondary schools, and although in some cases new schools will eventually remedy the lack of a gymnasium and insufficiency of equipment, teachers meanwhile, continue their work cheerfully, and obtain good results, under difficulties.

Secondary Girls' Games.

Hockey and netball in winter, and tennis and rounders in the summer are played in most of the schools. Now that the field at St. George's Secondary Modern School is in use it has helped considerably in providing the much needed extra facilities for hockey for some of the schools minus fields of their own, and likewise the addition of pitches at Bispham Playing Fields, in the case of Netball. There has been an all round improvement in this game now that the new rules have had a fair trial in time, and the inter-school matches and the tournaments that are played are greatly enjoyed and help to improve the standard of play.

Lack of courts still limits the amount of tennis played.

Dance.

As usual teams from several Junior Schools provided a colourful display of country dancing at the Junior Inter-Schools Sports. Scottish Country Dancing was introduced this time and much enjoyed by the children demonstrating, and has been continued in the schools very successfully since then.

Music and movement continues to play its part in the Infant and Junior Schools, and a wider interest in modern dance is developing in some of the Secondary schools.

Secondary Schools (Boys).

A very satisfactory standard of work has been maintained, especially in schools fortunate enough to possess a fully-equipped gymnasium. Work in the secondary schools not so equipped has been limited, both as regards space and apparatus of the fixed type. Not until these latter schools are in possession of a gymnasium can a full physical education programme be established. Lack of playing fields within reasonable distance of certain schools, is a further limiting factor.

In the physical education lesson, further experiment in modern methods of presentation has taken place on lines similar to those now being generally followed in Infant and Junior Schools. The field of physical activities which can be purposely practised in the gymnasium has also been widened, and teachers have been encouraged to plan their syllabus in terms of units of work.

Secondary Games.

(a) Association Football.

This is pre-eminently the most popular game in the boys' departments of all secondary schools and the greater part of the organised winter games periods is devoted to training in soccer skills. In addition, a record number of 12 schools fielded no fewer than 42 teams altogether in the 4 leagues organised by the Blackpool and District Secondary Schools' Football Association.

The position regarding playing fields has eased a little with the availability of the St. George's School playing fields and the four additional pitches at Highfield Road on the piece of land known as "Fisher's Land," which has now been taken over by the Education Committee.

(b) Rugby Football.

Four schools are now playing Rugby Football as part of the games curriculum, and in three of these four schools, boys are given a free choice of one of the football codes. Regular inter-school fixtures were also played for the second successive season.

(c) Athletics.

Athletics, now a major sport, plays an ever increasing part in the summer physical education programme, and consequently more time is being devoted to the teaching of the techniques involved, particularly in field events. Every year sees new records established at both school meetings and the Inter-Schools meeting at No. 1 Oval, Stanley Park. Pole-vaulting has now been introduced at several schools.

At the Lancashire Schools' Athletic Championships held at the White City Stadium, Manchester, both the Boys' and Girls' Trophies were won and 8 pupils were, as a result, selected to represent Lancashire in the National Championships in Durham.

Boxing.

A few schools included boxing in the physical education programme, and very successful, well controlled inter-house tournaments were held at these schools.

Cricket.

The playing of cricket, always so dependent on the weather, was constantly restricted by the weather. However all secondary schools managed to play a reasonable amount. The usual inter-school league operated as usual, as far as weather permitted, and the representative town team had a very successful season. Many of our children will have the use of properly prepared turf wickets for the first time during the coming season, and as the benefits of these newly-acquired cricket squares and practice wickets are felt, the game should regain some of its lost popularity and the teaching and practice of correct stroke play should become an integral part of the games curriculum.

Swimming.

Once again an epidemic of 'flu upset the swimming programme this year, but not so severely as last winter. Progress in swimming continues at an amazing rate and more and more children are becoming proficient in this sport. The standard in the schools is high as is evident at their swimming galas, and many schools run clubs after school hours.

2342 certificates were awarded during the year, and pupils were again presented for awards of the Royal Life Saving Society.

Attendances during the year.

	Classes	Pupils
Derby Bath : (Big Pool and Learners' Pool)	1,341	38,765
Cocker Street	1,795	43,656
Lido	1,005	27,450
	4,141	109,871

Comparison of attendances over the past five years

1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
82,065	83,235	89,194	79,750	109,871

CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 1959

GIRLS SCHOOL

	Learners	Elementary	Intermed.	Advanced	Totals
Adrian Street	9	4	1	—	14
Baines Endowed J.	12	3	—	—	15
Bispham Endowed J. ...	4	3	—	—	7
Claremont J.	33	13	—	—	46
Claremont S.	94	85	43	14	236
Collegiate	—	—	—	2	2
Devonshire J.	15	4	—	—	19
Grange Park J.	38	9	1	—	48
Hawes Side J.	21	3	—	—	24
Highfield	32	31	—	—	63
Holy Family	12	5	—	—	17
Layton J.	17	3	—	—	20
Norbreck J.	29	10	—	—	39
Open Air	2	1	—	—	3
Our Lady	28	27	—	—	55
Palatine	34	32	12	5	83
Montgomery	31	3	—	—	34
Revoe J.	55	20	—	—	75
Roseacre J.	55	14	—	—	69
Sacred Heart	6	6	—	—	12
Stanley J.	35	4	—	—	39
St. Columba's J.	8	1	—	—	9
St. John's J.	23	5	—	—	28
St. John Vianney J.	16	3	—	—	19
St. Kentigern's	16	17	—	—	33
St. Nicholas J.	3	—	—	—	3
Thames Road J.	26	9	—	—	35
Tyldesley	57	33	2	—	92
Waterloo J.	23	4	—	—	27
	734	352	59	21	1066

BOYS

School	Learners	Elementary	Intermed.	Advanced	Total
Adrian Street	13	3	1	1	18
Baines Endowed	12	6	—	—	18
Bispham Endowed	6	6	—	—	12
Claremont J.	48	27	—	—	75
Claremont S.	—	12	9	—	21
Devonshire J.	31	7	—	—	38
Grange Park J.	48	16	3	—	67
Grammar School	53	43	19	—	115
Hawes Side J.	22	16	—	—	38
Highfield	36	45	40	15	136
Holy Family J.	23	10	—	—	33
Layton J.	12	3	—	—	15
Norbreck J.	23	14	—	—	37
Open Air.....	3	—	—	—	3
Our Lady	45	11	—	—	56
Palatine	50	58	22	10	140
Revoe J.	50	21	—	—	71
Roseacre J.	46	4	—	—	50
Stanley J.	28	3	—	—	31
St. Columba's J.	35	5	—	—	40
St. George's	13	13	—	—	26
St. John's J.	35	8	—	—	43
St. John Vianney J.	30	9	—	—	39
St. Kentigern's	16	8	—	—	24
St Nicholas J.	11	6	—	—	17
St. Wilfrid's J.	27	2	—	—	29
Thames Road J.	36	12	—	—	48
Waterloo J.....	22	14	—	—	36
	<hr/> 774	<hr/> 382	<hr/> 94	<hr/> 26	<hr/> 1276
GRAND TOTALS	<hr/> 1508	<hr/> 734	<hr/> 153	<hr/> 47	<hr/> 2342

Winter Gardens Shield (Girls).

Winners : Our Lady of the Assumption.

Tower Shield (Boys).

Winners : Our Lady of the Assumption.

Three shields are awarded to Junior Schools with the highest percentage of 4th year girls and boys respectively able to swim a distance of 25 yards.

Swimming Galas.

All secondary schools continued to hold their own individual galas, all of which were successful and most enjoyable, both as regards the standard of swimming and diving, and the great variety of novelty events. These galas provide an excellent educational medium for the development of a healthy house spirit.

The Combined Schools' Swimming Gala was again held at the Derby Baths during October, when six new records were set up. In the Lancashire Schools' Swimming Championships, Blackpool gained 5th place out of 27 competing schools.

Open Air School Swimming Class.

Once again our thanks are extended to Mr. Quinlan, Manager of the Norbreck Hydro for use of the pool during the winter months. Great progress has been made in this special class, many children have been able to swim after a few lessons, and six certificates have been awarded during the season. To swim two lengths or to dive in is indeed an achievement for these children, some of whom have paralysed limbs, and the feeling of satisfaction is tremendous both for the children, and Mrs. Heaton, whose patience and help are never failing.

During the summer term the class was held in the Derby Learners' Pool.

Playing Fields.

During the year, the new St. George's School playing fields were taken over. These fields comprise 5 Association football pitches, 3 hockey pitches, a standard 440 yd. athletic track, complete with cinder high jump fans and long jump run-ups.

The area of land, previously known as 'Fisher's Land,' adjacent to Highfield Road, has also been acquired, and 4 Association football pitches have been prepared by the Parks Department. These pitches have already been extensively used by Highfield Boys' School, Thames Road Secondary and Primary Schools, Roseacre Junior School and Highfield Youth Club, and have met a long felt need for additional playing facilities in this part of the town.

The new Grammar School fields at Garstang Road have been fully used since the Pavilion was completed. These comprise 4 Rugby football pitches and one cricket square, but are still inadequate for the whole of the sport played by the Grammar School, especially as regards facilities for cricket.

The extensions to the playing fields at Arnold Girl's School have also been completed, as well as a hard surface running strip on the old field.

During the year, the Highfield Boys' School field has been reseeded, and the new field taken over for use as a Rugby pitch.

Further Training of Teachers and Young Leaders.

The following courses were held during the year :—

- (1) The Nineteenth Annual Easter School of Physical Education organised by the North Western Counties Physical Education Association. This school held 18 different courses, all of one week's duration, covering many fields of physical Education. It was attended by a record number of 517 teachers.
- (2) A course on Minor Team Games.
- (3) A 6-session course on Morris and Sword Dancing.

Cavalcade of Sport.

The 7th Annual Cavalcade of Sport was again held at the Tower Circus during March, with the usual matinee performance for schoolchildren of whom approximately 2,000 attended. Some 300 schoolchildren took part in the programme, which included such items as national dancing, exhibitions of swimming and boating, gymnastics and basketball. This event is only possible through the goodwill and sincere co-operation of Head Teachers and staff of our schools, and the support of parents.

Blackpool Schools' Sports Council.

The Blackpool Schools' Sports Council, which is the co-ordinating body of the various Schools' Sports Associations in Blackpool has continued to play its usual important part in the ever expanding programme of sporting activities arranged outside normal school hours.

Tents.

The tents owned by the Committee have during the summer months been in constant demand by schools and various other organisations in the town. Three lightweight camping units have been obtained during the course of the year and these are now meeting a long felt need.

REPORTS OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS, BLACKPOOL SCHOOLS' SPORTS COUNCIL

Athletics—Secondary Schools (Secretary: Mr. M. McEvoy).

The standard of athletics in Blackpool continues to be very high. Even though it often seems difficult to improve on last year's results we still seem to show great improvement each year.

The tone for the season was set early in March when, in the County Cross-Country Championships held at Rochdale, Blackpool Senior Boys came first.

At the County Championships held at the White City, Manchester, we won both the Boys' and Girls' Trophies for the second year in succession.

As a result of these Sports three boys and five girls were selected to represent Lancashire in the National Athletic Championships held at Durham. Although we produced no National Champion all did well and helped Lancashire to win the aggregate trophy for the first time.

In the Blackpool Town Sports held at the Oval nine records were broken and two were equalled. An innovation was the pole vault at which high standards were set for its first appearance on the programme.

We look forward with confidence to the forthcoming season and yet again hope to show improvement upon last year's standards.

Cricket—Secondary Schools (Secretary: Mr. R. C. Breeze).

The League was again composed of nine Schools but, unfortunately, for the first time since the war we were unable to complete our fixtures because of the bad weather during the cricket season. The League was therefore abandoned half way through and for the remainder of the season the various Schools played friendly matches whenever possible.

The Town Team was again very successful and having won the divisional championship for the fifth time in the last six years, again reached the Lancashire Semi-final. We were defeated in this game by Oldham after a very close and exciting struggle. Oldham won the Lancashire Shield. We are indebted to the Blackpool Cricket Club for the use of their ground for our only Home Match of the season. Our Town Team still suffers from the fact that most Blackpool Schools have to play their matches on concrete wickets, but we hope the situation will be improved as the new Modern Schools bring their grounds into use.

Rugby Union—Secondary Schools (Secretary: Mr. R. C. Breeze).

This was the first season when a full fixture list was played through. Schools taking part were Claremont, Highfield, Bailey, Ansdell and Thornton Cleveleys Modern Schools, Blackpool Grammar School and Arnold School. Each of these teams ran regular fixtures for the under 15, Under 14 and Under 13 Teams and in addition, a certain number of Under 12 fixtures were played.

Although Modern Schools generally continued to be out-classed by the Grammar Schools, this season showed signs that the game was making a firm footing in the Modern Schools whose teams improved considerably as the season went on. The way in which the sport is organised in Modern Schools varies from one school to another, but on the whole, it seems that roughly one third of the boys in these schools play Rugby. The end of the season was marked by a seven-a-side competition for the Under 15 and Under 13 groups held at Thornton Cleveleys Rugby Club ground. The Under 15 Cup which was presented by Thornton Cleveleys Rugby Club was won by Thornton Cleveleys School and the Under 13 Cup which was presented by the North-West P.E. Association was won by Highfield School.

One great drawback has been the lack of Rugby Grounds and particularly showers adjacent to the Modern Schools taking part. The two pitches on the Airport and showers on that site were well used and served the purpose adequately.

Schools' Boxing Association (Secretary: Mr. L. R. Smith).

Schoolboy Championships in four age groups were held by Claremont School in December, 1958. Six boys were entered in the County quarter finals at Lancaster in January, 1959. Four boxers won through to the semi-finals.

Three boys won through to the County Semi Finals at Warrington, February 1959.

Two boys won County Championships at Stretford in February, 1959.

One boy won Regional Championship at Warrington, March 1959, but was defeated in the National Quarter finals at York.

Primary Schools' Football Association (Secretary: Mr. G. Pearson).

Four leagues were in operation for the 1957/58 season in Primary Schools' Football. They were as follows:—

North Section—7 teams.

South Section—6 teams.

Minor League—7 teams.

Reserve League—7 teams.

This season there is an additional team in the Minor League.

The Minor League was instituted for small and new schools and has proved very popular. Each Saturday morning about three hundred boys played in representative football and a very high standard was reached by the end of the season.

The Association has four trophies covering the championships of the three main leagues, i.e. North, South and Minor. The fourth trophy is for the "Knock-out" Competition and is the Primary Schools' Football Cup recently presented to the Sports' Council by the North West Counties Physical Education Association. Twenty teams competed for this trophy last season and an additional team will be competing this season.

The Honours list for the 1957/58 season was as follows :

Knock-Out Competition—Baines. Runners-up—Hawes Side.

North Section—St. Columba's. Runners-up—Layton.

South Section—Stanley. Runners-up—Baines.

Minor League Trophy—Bispham.

The Town Team had quite a successful season and remained undefeated after four games. Of the annual games played against Fleetwood and Blackburn, the statistics read as follows :—

P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Totals
					Against
4	3	0	1	8	3

It is regretted that there will be no game against Blackburn this season as they no longer find it possible to play inter-town football but a new fixture has been arranged against Walton-le-Dale.

Netball—Secondary Girls (Secretary : Mrs. H. Filmer).

The Netball league had a successful year which ended in March, 1958. Seven secondary modern schools took part in the matches and each school played twelve matches throughout the season. Tyldesley were close runners-up to Hodgson for the championship for which a cup is awarded. In spite of poor weather conditions all the matches were played.

The town netball teams which are chosen from all the schools in the league had the most successful year so far. The first team, which played in many matches and tournaments, were the best team in Lancashire as they won both the league championship, which is competed during the Spring Term, and the tournament which was held at Liverpool to bring the netball season to a close.

Athletics—Primary Schools (Secretary : Mr. W. Williams).

The Eighth Annual Junior Schools' Sports Day was held at Hawes Side School on Wednesday, July 9th, 1958. The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. Hessey) were present and presented trophies. The events were designed to cover the syllabus of Physical Education as carried out in schools, and included events of throwing, running and jumping, together with team events and Scottish Dancing.

Twenty Blackpool Schools were represented and after preliminary heats had been held two weeks previously nearly 500 competitors were selected to perform on the final day. All schools were represented in this number and most schools had teams among the 300 children who took part in the Scottish Dancing

The front cover of the programme of events was designed by a child from a Junior School. This design was the result of a competition held in the schools.

Over 2,000 children and adults attended as spectators, the children coming in organised parties.

The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress were present throughout and attended the tea given afterwards to helpers, officials and invited guests.

Secondary Schools' Football Association (Secretary : Mr. J. Moore).

During the season a record number of twelve schools in Blackpool, Fleetwood, Poulton and Thornton-Cleveleys, fielded 42 teams altogether in the competition organised by the Blackpool and District Secondary Schools' Football Association.

The current holders of trophies are :—

Under 15 League competition winners : Palatine (Hanslip Cup).

Under 15 League comp'tn. runners-up : Claremont (Greaves Cup).

Under 14 League competition : Tyldesley and Baines Grammar

—Joint holders—(Blackpool Football Club Cup).

Under 13 League comp'tn. winners : Baines Grammar (Parr Cup).

Under 13 League competition runners-up : St. George's

(Parr Minor Cup).

Under 12 League competition : Claremont (Evening Gazette Cup).

Whilst the use of pitches at Bispham, Highfield Road, and St. George's School (which have become available this season) has eased the critical playing field situation, it is still a regrettable fact that the schools in the centre of town using Stanley Park pitches are much handicapped by the state of these pitches. This year they seem to be in a worse condition than ever before, being frequently waterlogged, and always heavily muddy.

The competitions organised for this season are as for last season which are, in all four year groups, a league with a play-off among the top-four. In addition there is a knock-out competition for the teams in the Under 15 league for the Frank Swift Memorial Cup. This trophy, presented by the Central Working Men's Club, is to be competed for annually by schools in this Association and is in memory of the late Frank Swift. The winners of this trophy will also represent the Association in the Daily Dispatch competition.

A representative Blackpool Schoolboys' team is again fielded in the English Schools' Football Association and Lancashire Schools' Football Association competitions. At the time of writing the team has this season reached the last 32 out of 450 from the whole of England in the English Schools' Football Association Competition, and is in the 5th round. In the Lancashire Schools' Football Association competition the 3rd round has been reached. Last season a divisional competition for Under 14 town teams from Blackpool, Chorley, Preston, South-Fylde, and Walton-le-Dale was won. The trophy for this competition was presented in memory of the late George Ford, and is known as the G. P. Ford Cup. It is intended to field a team again this season in this competition.

Through its own efforts the Association raised nearly £100 and finished last season with a balance of £39, half of which was donated to the Blackpool Sports Council for the use by those sports not so favourably placed financially.

Blackpool Schools' Swimming Association (Secretary : Mr. B. Wilson)

The Cavalcade of Sport held early in March was again a great artistic and financial success. Financially it was a greater success than previously. At the time of preparing this report the 1959 Cavalcade is being arranged and at a meeting recently, when offers were invited, there were representatives from only nine schools.

It is imperative that Schools and Associations should support this event because Associations affiliated to the Sports Council depend, from a financial aspect, upon its success.

At the Annual Inter-Schools' Gala on October 29th six new records were set up, four of these for team events. Palatine finished well out in front with 51 pts. in the Boys' Championship but only 3 pts. separated the 2nd, 3rd and 4th schools (Claremont, Highfield and Tyldesley). Champion of the Girls' Schools was Claremont with 53 pts., Collegiate were 2nd with 48 pts., and Elmslie were 3rd.

In the Lancashire Schools' Swimming Championships, held this year at Salford and Preston, the efforts of the 15-18 boys were outstanding. Two 1st and one 4th were gained in the four individual events. The Medley squadron came second only 0.8 sec. behind Liverpool and broke the existing record. The Freestyle team was 4th. The 15-18 girls team had one 1st place and one 4th. In the Intermediate and Junior Championships one 3rd and three 4th places were gained.

In the final team placing Blackpool gained 5th position out of 27 competing schools and Associations.

This year Lancashire Schools organised separate Diving Championships and there were three Blackpool winners in the six events. Other places gained were two 2nds and two 3rds.

Three boys and three girls represented Lancashire in the Division 2 Gala at Urmston and on their performances William R. Wing and Janet Smith were chosen for the Division 2 team in the English Schools' Championships at Rochdale. Also Blackpool divers Pamela Stibbards and Kenneth Smith were representing Division 2.

Miss J. M. Parton was again appointed as one of the Team Managers for Division 2.

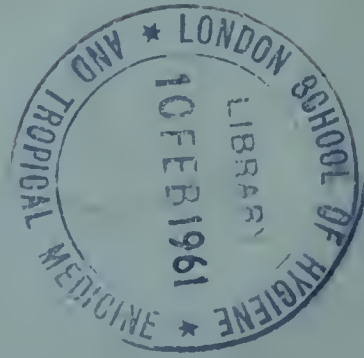
Conclusion.

In conclusion the organisers wish to tender their sincere thanks and appreciation to all members of the Education Committee, the Parks Committee, the Tower and Winter Gardens Co., the First Assistant School Medical Officer, Her Majesty's Inspectors of Physical Education (Miss R. N. Dewey and Mr. E. E. Barnard), the Directors of Blackpool Football Club, and the Fylde and Thornton Cleveleys Rugby Union Football Clubs

Finally, the Organisers wish to record their appreciation of all the help given by the Chief Education Officer and his staff, the Head Teachers and members of the teaching staff, without whose help no lasting success could be achieved.

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